(6) whether there was a personal interview between the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats and the President of the Kumbalangi Panchayat in last Mithunam 1103, and did not the latter request that the bills for sanctioned estimates should be forwarded soon ; what was the reply of the former ;

(7) whether any bills for the estimates sanctioned have been forwarded to the Office of the Kumbalangi Panchayat in the year 1103, if so when ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Yes ; 35 and 2 respectively.

(2) (3) & (4) The Member is referred to the statement placed on the Council Table.

(5) Government consider that no public purpose will be served by placing the replies on the Table.

(6) Yes; the reply was that the bills will be sent as soon as the works were check-measured and completion bills received from the Overseer.

(7) Yes; 4 bills and 1 R. T. R. on 25th Kumbham 1103, 18th Meenam 1103, 5th Medam 1103, 30th Edavam 1103 and 31st Karkadagam 1103.

Revenue Village and Village Offices.

245. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many villages have independent Village Offices and how many have joint ones ;

(b) are there villages having no manner of Village Offices ;

(c) what will be the cost of providing a Village Office to meet its needs ;

(d) have reports been ever received regarding the difficulty and inconvenience of having a common office for two or more Parvathiams ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) 78 have independent Village Offices and 91 have joint ones.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rs. 2,000 approximately.

(d) No.

Thanukulam Chira.

246 Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether tenders were called for the construction or repair of the Thanukulam Chira in the Parappukkara Panchayat in 1104;

(b) the latest date on which tenders were to be submitted and the time;

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(c) whether any tender was received after the appointed time and if so, who was this tenderer;

(d) the names of all the tenderers with their rates and the rate of the accepted tenderer;

(e) the rate for which the contract was entered into?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) 20th Thulam 1104. No time was specified in the notification.

(c) No.

(d) 1. Chakkalakkal Kunju Raman Ezhuthassan, Perincheri, Ollur, at 12½ per cent deduction.

2. Naicken Govindan Raman, Pallisseri, Urakam, at 15½ per cent.

3. Govindan Nayar, Kanayath House, Kalathur Desam, Nellayi, at Rs. 5-4-6 per cent.

4. Rama Panicken, Kurumpilavu, at 5 per cent.

5. Kaippilli Illath Bhaskaran Namburi, Thottipal, at 6 per cent.

6. P. K. Antony, Ollur, at 12 5/8 per cent.

7. T. Narayana Menon, Irinjalakkuda, at 5 per cent.

8. M. L. Ouseph, Trichur, at 4¼ per cent.

9. Naicken Raman Bhadran, Trichur, at 8 per cent less

(e) 12½ per cent less than the estimated amount.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this Naicken Govindan Raman a contractor of the Panchayat and has he taken any contract under the Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I have no definite information as to whether he was a contractor under the Panchayat or not.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know why his tender was refused when he gave a reduction of 3 per cent more than the accepted tender. The tender accepted is for 12½ per cent less. This man's tender was 15½ per cent less. I ask why his tender was refused?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I was not sure whether he would carry out the work properly.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether he was a contractor under that Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I said I have no information. As to the other question I have said that I was not sure whether he would carry out the work properly.

President.—What is the basis of your information that this man will not be able to do the work properly?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The other contractor was reported to be a good contractor and his tender was also favourable.

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On the other hand, it was reported that the other man would give trouble.

President.—You did not want to undergo any risk and, therefore, you did not give the contract to the first man, thinking that he would prove unsuccessful eventually.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the first recommendation on the written agreement of the Parappukara Panchayat at 12 per cent accepted ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I accepted the tender of Mr. Ezhuthassan.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The first recommendation of the Panchayat does not appear in the answer.

President.—Was that proposal from Mr. Ezhuthassan at 12 per cent and was that recommended by the Panchayat ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I accepted the tender at the rate offered by him and the recommendation from the Superintendent of Panchayat's Office was at 12½ per cent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether such a recommendation was made or not ?

President.—Here you see a 12½ per cent tender was given and ultimately accepted, and the Panchayat, it would appear, recommended the acceptance of 12 per cent.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No; not likely.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I know it has taken place.

Veterinary Hospitals.

247. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of animals treated at the different Veterinary Hospitals in the State in 1103;

(b) the cost of drugs supplied to each hospital in the above year;

(c) the amount allotted or what is expected to be spent in the current year on drugs for each of the hospitals?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—

(a)

Ernakulam	1900	animals.
Irinjalakkuda	3305	,,
Trichur	5518	,,
Vadakkancheri	4008	,,
Kunnamkulam	2954	,,
Tattamangalam	6159	,,
Nemmara	1326	,,

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